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In re patent application of

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For: RENAL NUCLEAR MATRIX PROTEINS, POLYNUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES  
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and 37 C.F.R. §1.97

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In order to comply with Applicant's duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, submitted herewith on a modified Form PTO-1449 is a listing of documents known to Applicant. A copy of each listed document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.98.

The submission of any document herewith, which is not a statutory bar, is not intended as an admission that such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application or that such document is considered material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b). Applicant does not waive any rights to take any action which would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove as a competent

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reference any document which is determined to be a prima facie prior art reference against the claims of the present application.

#### TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE

The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), before the mailing of the first Office action on the merits.

#### CERTIFICATION

The undersigned hereby certifies in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1) that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application dated not more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this Statement.

#### RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

Any document listed on the attached PTO-1449 was cited as being relevant during the prosecution of the corresponding European application. A copy of the European Search Report is attached setting forth the portion of each document considered relevant by the examiner. English-language counterparts of foreign-language documents have been provided where readily available. The absence of a translation or an English-language

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counterpart document does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider any submitted document (37 C.F.R. § 1.98 and M.P.E.P. § 609).

All of the documents are in English.

Applicant respectfully requests that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialled copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 609.

Respectfully submitted,

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